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THE EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

A Prayer for Unity

"WE ARE of Thee, the children of Thy love,
The brothers of Thy well-beloved Son;

Descend, O Holy Spirit! like a dove,

Into our hearts, that we may be as one—
As one with Thee, to whom we ever tend;
As one with Him, our Brother, and our Friend.

"We would be one in hatred of all wrong,

One in our love of all things sweet and fair,
One with the joy that breaketh into song,

One with the grief that trembles into prayer,
One in the power that makes Thy children free,
To follow Truth, and thus to follow Thee."

—John White Chadwick.

The Churches and the Scottsboro Case

SOMETIMES a single incident epitomizes a wide range of acute problems and focuses public attention. The widely known Scottsboro case is such an event. It is well to ask, then, what stake the churches have in the issue. Three points seem clear.

First, the lives and welfare of nine human beings are involved. The sacredness of human personality is one of the cardinal Christian principles. The right of every human being, regardless of race or color, to life and liberty is an inescapable corollary.

Second, the question of the administration of justice in our courts of law, free from interference by mass action or any kind of mob pressure, is raised. The mere suspicion that justice has been denied to the humblest human being because of the influences of prejudice or

display of force shakes confidence in the very foundation of our institutions.

Third, the large part the churches have played in the emancipation, education and advancement of Negro Americans and the far-reaching effect of their efforts upon coöperation and understanding between white and Negro peoples give the churches a special responsibility for present adjustments in race relations. They put their hands to the plow and should not turn back.

Unquestionably the prominence of the Communists in the organization of the legal defense of the boys and their world-wide propaganda have complicated the case and made it more difficult for them to receive an unbiased and impartial trial. Nor can it be denied that the Communists' activities in this case are a part of the bid they are making for Negro loyalty. Statements from Communist leaders leave no doubt that they regard this effort to win Negro followers as a part of their movement against American political and economic institutions. But all this raises the question as to how much the churches themselves have been doing in behalf of justice for the Negro. If the churches had been more vigorous in dealing with the problem, would the Negroes be so exposed to Communist appeals?

Competition with Communism would be a risky reason upon which to base the claim that Christianity has a special obligation to work for justice and equal opportunities for the twelve millions of Negroes of America. The real reason is in the Church's own Gospel. All the coöperation of white and Negro Churchmen in a common program, every common profession of Christian faith, every Negro leader who owes his education to Christian missionary

work, is an added reason why the churches must labor unceasingly for full-fledged civic and economic privileges and rights of American Negroes everywhere in America.

The Christian Concern in the World Economic Conference

ARE THE churches concerned with a world conference, such as that which will assemble this month in London, dealing primarily with price levels, stabilization of currencies and the production and distribution of commodities?

Technically these subjects are certainly to be classified as economic and commercial. But every item upon the agenda of the conference carries with it implications of vast moral and spiritual significance. The economic well-being of the people of the world is a matter of vital concern to churches which care what happens to human personality, and whose Master has compassion on the hungry multitudes.

International coöperation is a concern of churches that believe in the Christian way of love. It is a matter for rejoicing in the churches, therefore, that the nations have come to recognize the need of coöperation in the solution of the economic evils with which we are beset.

In a spiritually governed universe there cannot permanently be any such thing as isolation. It is largely because the nations have been pursuing policies of a selfish isolation that trade is stagnant and some thirty millions are out of work. Through the travail of poverty and of economic chaos the peoples of the world have been made to realize their dependence upon one another. It should now be our prayer that the policy of economic nationalism may be supplanted at the London Conference with policies more in harmony with the Christian principle that we are all "members of one another" and should "bear one another's burdens."

Concessions and sacrifices will have to be made by each nation if the conference is to achieve the purposes for which it is being convened. Cherished policies of economic self-sufficiency will have to be surrendered. This means that the conference cannot succeed unless its negotiations can be carried on in the atmosphere of faith and mutual trust. To generate such a spirit among the people in every nation is peculiarly a task of the churches.

When the memorial on this subject from the Federal Council was recently placed in the

hands of the Secretary of State, he assured the Council's representatives that our government intends to do everything within its power to inject the spirit of international coöperation into the London conference. For this the churches are profoundly grateful.

German Protestantism Maintains Its Independence

WHAT HAS been happening in recent weeks in German Protestantism is an impressive tribute to its vitality. Contrary to a widespread impression, the German churches have not capitulated to the Nazi government. The truth rather is that, at a time of revolution, when other institutions—including the universities, the press and even the labor unions—have been brought under the direct domination of the State, the Church alone has maintained a substantial measure of independence.

Not without a brave struggle has the Church been able to retain its freedom. For weeks the outcome was in doubt. Even now it is not safe to predict what the final result may be. But in two critical issues the insight and courage of the church leaders have brought a victory which places Christianity throughout the world in their debt.

The first was the resistance of the churches to the appointment of "commissioners of religion" by the civil authorities who would make the Church merely an appendage of the Nazi government. On the very day in late April when the Editor of the BULLETIN arrived in Berlin for a brief visit, the newspapers announced that in the State of Mecklenberg such a commissioner had been appointed, superseding the church officials and having full powers to administer the affairs of the Church even to the extent of appointing and removing pastors. There was a widespread misgiving that this forecast a similar policy throughout the whole nation. The church leaders made immediate protest. The President of the Evangelical Church Federation, Dr. Kapler, boldly took the issue directly to Mr. Hitler himself. On the day when the Editor left Berlin, less than a week later, he had the pleasure of learning that the Mecklenberg appointment had been revoked.

The second victory of the Church had to do with the election of the bishop who is to be the head of the new united Evangelical Church of the nation. Chancellor Hitler had his own can-

didate, the head of the group known as the "German Christians" (who are the extreme Nazis in the Church). Though it meant virtual defiance, the church leaders, headed by Dr. Kapler, refused to accept the demand of the "German Christians," insisted that the Church must be above all political parties and proceeded to nominate a man of their own selection, Dr. Friedrich von Bodelschwingh, the director of a great Lutheran missionary and social service which is held in high esteem far outside of the borders of Germany. The churches rose to the courageous leadership of Dr. Kapler and his colleagues and promptly elected Dr. von Bodelschwingh, even though they were told by the head of the Nazi faction that dire consequences would follow from such a refusal to act according to Hitler's desire.

German Protestantism has made history during the last few weeks! It was a critical period. The leaders were carrying the burden of having to work out a wholly new organization of the Church in order to prevent the government from taking church affairs into its own hands. At the same time when the officials of the Church were facing this huge reorganizational task, they met the issue of their spiritual freedom with a resoluteness and an insight which may well hearten and reinforce the Christian movement in every land.

The present moment is a time of times for maintaining and strengthening the sympathetic understanding and fellowship between the German and the American churches. The bond between the Christians of these two great nations has been growing stronger and firmer as a result of the work of the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work, which, ever since the ecumenical conference at Stockholm in 1925, has been drawing all the churches of the world (except, one regretfully has to say, the Roman Catholic) into a closer coöperation. If one did not believe in the Life and Work Movement before the spring of 1933, he could not help being convinced of its unique value now. It is building a new international fellowship among the churches which has made it possible for German and American Protestantism to stand together and to trust each other even though there was severe political tension between the two countries. In the strengthening of such bonds of fellowship among all who, whatever their national allegiance, owe a supreme allegiance to Christ, lies the ultimate hope of peace in the world.

The New Response of Youth

OBSERVERS OF the present-day life of young people in school and college and society tell us that there has been a decided change in the last few years. From an attitude of revolt and "self-expressionism," which characterized youth at the close of the war, we have passed through a period of apathy to a time when youth is searching for reality. Young people are not as restive as they were under leadership of those who are older, provided that leadership gives evidence of insight and wisdom. They are coming to understand that experience may be worth something, after all.

If Christianity has the answer to the most momentous issues of life, now is a crucial time for the Church to make that apparent to youth. In the so-called Oxford Movement many young people in college and social life have found something with a powerful appeal. Its emphasis on the practice of the presence of God and on the sharing of Christian experience has been mighty to produce real changes in many lives. Whatever inadequacies this movement may have, it has served the Church well in its reassertion of personal evangelism and in its demonstration of the readiness of young people to respond to an appeal that has vital experience behind it.

Such considerations as these lend significance to the decision of the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism at its recent Pittsburgh meeting to make the year 1934 a period for special emphasis on reaching youth for Christ and the Church.

Sin and Repentance Not Out-of-Date

WE COMMEND to our readers the following discerning words of one of the clearest of modern thinkers, the Archbishop of York:

"If anyone feels that the language which the Church asks him to use is exaggerated—'we do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable'—then let him think of slums and sweating, and prostitution, and war, and ask if the burden of these is not grievous, and if the burden of them ought not to be intolerable. Let him remember that these horrible things are there, not because some men are outrageously wicked, but because millions of men are as good as we are, and no better."

United Church of Canada Affiliates with Council

THE DECISION of the United Church of Canada to affiliate with the Federal Council has been received with great satisfaction and was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee at its May meeting. The resolution of the United Church of Canada on the subject was as follows:

"That the United Church heartily accept the invitation of the Federal Council of Churches of America to enter into a relationship of affiliation with the Council; that the questions in which the United Church will participate be determined from time to time by the sub-Executive, and the sub-Executive be authorized to appoint representatives from the United Church to the meetings of the Federal Council."

The United Church of Canada is the largest denomination in the Dominion. Its communicant membership, as shown by statistics published in 1931, is 671,443 and more than 1,600,000 persons are under its pastoral care. The present Canadian body was formed in 1925 by a union of three historic denominations—the Canadian Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Congregational Churches of Canada—one of the most comprehensive church unions ever effected in any country. Its church boards have for some

time been in active touch with corresponding boards of the United States through coöperation in the Home Missions Council, the Foreign Missions Conference and the International Council of Religious Education. The new relation with the Federal Council provides for co-operation and fellowship in an enlarging area of interests.

In interpreting the significance of the action taken by the United Church of Canada, Dr. Beaven, President of the Federal Council, said:

"Up to the present time, the church bodies related to the Federal Council have been exclusively those of the United States. Now for the first time a Canadian Church affiliates with the Council. The relationship of the United Church of Canada is less complete than that which is sustained by more than a score of the denominations of the United States which are full constituent members. The affiliated relationship, however, on which the United Church of Canada enters, provides for active participation in most of the Council's departments of work. The chief importance of this step lies in the fact that the churches of the United States and of Canada are entering upon an enlarging fellowship and intend to face their common problems together. The participation of other denominations of Canada in the work of the Federal Council will be welcomed if and when they desire such a relationship."

Miss Woolley to Head International Justice and Goodwill

DR. MARY E. WOOLLEY, President of Mount Holyoke College, was elected Chairman of the Federal Council's Department of International Justice and Goodwill at the last meeting of the Council's Executive Committee. Dr. Woolley was one of the members of the United States delegation at the first session of the World Disarmament Conference. In that capacity she rendered a distinguished service to the cause of peace and world understanding. It was due largely to her insistence that the *people* were heard during the first session of the Disarmament Conference, for it was she who pressed for a public presentation to the Conference of petitions signed by millions of citizens of many lands.

Dr. Woolley has been for many years a leader in the American efforts for international understanding. Through her contacts with the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women, she has been especially instrumental in strengthening the peace movement among the women of the nation. Her service to the church has been no less distinguished than her service to the school and to the state. She is a member of the Congregational Church and before her election to the presidency of Mount Holyoke served as the head of the Department of Biblical History and Literature at Wellesley College. She was a member of the American Section of the Commission on Christian Education in the Mission Field.

Miss Woolley believes that the churches have a su-

premely important part to play in the development of public opinion in support of practical measures of world coöperation and in this belief she has accepted the Federal Council's invitation to head the Department of International Justice and Goodwill. The announcement of her acceptance has been hailed with gratitude by the churches and more particularly by the vast number of women identified with the peace movement.

The Honorable Alanson B. Houghton, who has been Chairman of the Department for several years and has now requested to be relieved of the major responsibility, will continue to be connected actively with the Department as Vice-Chairman. Honorable George W. Wickersham is also a Vice-Chairman.

The Chautauqua Institution, located at Chautauqua, N. Y., whose impressive educational and religious program for the season of 1933 has lately been announced, has always encouraged the attendance of ministers. To this end, it offers gate-tickets at half-rate, and certain of the denominational houses offer either free or low-cost accommodations to both ministers and missionaries. The Ministers' Union (not controlled by the Institution) is able to provide free accommodations for ministers and their wives for a period not exceeding two weeks for a limited number whose salaries would not permit them otherwise to take this vacation. Any who are interested may correspond with Mrs. E. S. Shaw, Seal Harbor, Maine.

Plans Formulated for Motion Picture Program

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL'S Executive Committee, at its meeting on May 19, took important action authorizing the Department of the Church and Social Service to undertake a program in behalf of better films.

A Committee on Motion Pictures was authorized and the nucleus of the personnel approved. The chairman is Dr. Harold McAfee Robinson, of Philadelphia, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education. Dr. Worth M. Tippy will serve as secretary of the committee, which includes representatives of the leading denominational boards of religious education and of social service.

The organization of better films committees representing the local churches in communities where there are neighborhood theatres was authorized, "unless it is evident from a study of the community that one is not needed." The committee will act experimentally at first, utilizing councils of churches, councils of religious education, and councils of federated church women in setting up the groups to work for better films, and will coöperate as far as practicable with other local better films organizations. The aim will be to help parents to know what films their children may wisely see and to unite in presenting their point of view to the local exhibitor.

The Executive Committee approved in principle a proposal for setting up a Film Service Bureau, when it is found possible to finance it, "to give information and assistance to pastors and churches on films suitable for church use, on projection apparatus, and on the right use of films by churches, and to serve the church boards of visual education."

Approval was given to the suggestion of a photo-play review service, provided:

1. "That any service which the Federal Council Committee might develop must be distinctive, sharp and definite. It must offer something unique which may not be secured in available services of this nature. This contribution would be largely in the area of the social and spiritual effect of films.
2. "That before such a service is inaugurated the Committee should be assured of resources in qualified personnel to review the films and edit the service and in financial support to make the results of their work effective.
3. "That it should be clearly understood that the purpose of such a service is to provide a guide to parents and religious educators and not to promote and encourage people to attend the theatre.
4. "That if such a service is inaugurated the Committee as a whole should avoid the danger of becoming engrossed in this one element of the program and thereby neglect the more fundamental and far-reaching functions outlined in the program for the Committee,

such as: better films committees, a church film service bureau, study courses in literature, educational publicity, and social action."

In order to clarify its approach, the Committee on Motion Pictures offered a carefully worded statement on "fundamental attitudes" which was approved by the Executive Committee of the Council:

"The Federal Council's Committee on Motion Pictures should neither ask nor receive financial aid in any form from the industry. This is the only sound and self-respecting policy for both the industry and organizations of the public.

"There is so much that is unreal and harmful in American films and their advertising and in the present conduct of the industry, that the Church is tempted to become wholly critical. Nevertheless, a wholly negative attitude is unsound. There are splendid as well as degrading films, and the cinema in its larger aspects is too important to be approached negatively.

"The spirit of the churches in their relations with the cinema should therefore be fundamentally constructive rather than fundamentally unfriendly and iconoclastic. This policy is necessitated by the fact that in the photo-play humanity has achieved an extraordinary new instrument of expression, with immense possibilities for broadening of knowledge and sympathies, for the relaxation and pleasure of the whole people, for international understanding and appreciation, and for every kind of educational effort, including the purposes of religion.

"The motion picture is the people's theatre, and the public desire must be kept in mind. The freedom of the screen in its creative processes is related to freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of the press. These rights are never unlimited but are always conditioned by public welfare and safety. The problem, as related to the commercial cinema, is to strike effectively at its deliberate degradation, to encourage the development of exceptional films and films for selected groups, to appreciate and applaud the finer achievements of producers, directors, writers, artists, technicians and exhibitors, and to assist in improving the public taste."

Assent and Dissent

Strong support for President Roosevelt's recent message on world peace has been found in church circles in a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council on May 19, as follows:

"Voted: That the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America strongly supports the timely and courageous peace proposals advocated by President Roosevelt in his appeal to the rulers and heads of fifty-four nations. We wish to go on record as commending President Roosevelt's program for a drastic reduction of armaments by International agreement and the adherence by all nations to a pact of non-aggression."

In the discussion of the resolution commending President Roosevelt's leadership, the question was raised as to whether the statement might be construed as endorsing the President's program also with regard to the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. A second resolution was adopted, expressing the opinion that the matter of repeal should be decided by the states "entirely apart from any appeal of the Administration for support of its policy or program of taxation."

"Youth for Christ" Movement Launched

AT A TIME when youth throughout the world is on the march—when the Communists of Russia, the Fascists of Italy and the Nazis of Germany have their greatest following among youth—many church leaders in America feel that youth is ready for a Christian movement in behalf of Christ and the Church. They feel that the hearts of young people are wistful and hungry for religious faith and service. The Federal Council's Department of Evangelism has accordingly formed a Youth Committee, which has had three meetings during the last two months. This Committee is made up of twenty-five members who represent the Department, and in addition, the various youth organizations of the churches, such as the International Council of Religious Education, Christian Endeavor, Epworth League, Baptist Young People's Union, Luther League, Y. M. C. A., and Y. W. C. A. A Youth Program with a distinct emphasis on Evangelism is being formulated. The weeks from now until the first of next January will be spent in preparation. Pittsburgh will be used as "an experiment center" this autumn to work out the best plans.

Beginning January 1, the Department will seek during 1934 to place special emphasis on the evangelism of youth. Pastors, parents, teachers, and young people are to be enlisted for winning youth for Christ. The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., through its Department of Evangelism of the Board of National Missions, held a Pre-Assembly Conference in Columbus, Ohio, on May 24, which was given over to a consideration of the Youth for Christ Movement.

The Youth Committee of the Federal Council's De-

partment of Evangelism, after its meeting held in Pittsburgh in connection with the Tenth Annual Evangelistic Conference, made an announcement which is in part as follows:

"Around the world the most significant present-day movements are those which have been made to appeal to youth. Whether in Italy or Germany, Russia or China, there are uprisings of the spirit of youth. To fail to discern such a situation would be culpable and tragic for such a cause as that of Christ and the Church. The very existence of denominational and interdenominational Christian movements which have young people as their particular field and their special force, is an evidence that the Christian Church has not failed to heed the situation disclosed in the mass movements of youth in various nations.

"The Department of Evangelism believes that the present hour is one of crucial opportunity for the Christian Church to meet and to master this rising tide of young people who need Jesus Christ and whom He needs. Without interfering with the functions of any of these accredited Christian youth agencies, the Department of Evangelism believes that an earnest and united evangelistic impulse and emphasis, at the present time, would enrich the activities of such agencies and would in addition greatly assist Christian young people to reach others with the claims of Christ and His Church.

"It is proposed that this effort shall be primarily directed through the coöperation of the various agencies coöperating in the Department of Evangelism, rather than by any direct or separate appeal or organization."

Friendship Greetings to World's Children by Radio

FRIENDSHIP GREETINGS were transmitted by radio on World Goodwill Day, May 18, to the youth of all lands by Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, Secretary of the Committee on World Friendship among Children.

In response to the invitation of this Committee, thousands of American boys and girls wrote Messages of Goodwill to their unseen comrades who live under distant skies. In his radio message, Dr. Gulick explained that these messages will be bound together in an attractive volume and filed for permanent record in the archives of the League of Nations at Geneva.

Of the thousands of essays written by these boys and girls, two have been selected as having special merit. These two messages, chosen by the National Committee of Selection, of which Honorable William John Cooper, U. S. Commissioner of Education, was Chairman, were sent to other countries for broadcasting and publication.

The selected Message from the grade schools was written by Ethel Kring Godbey, 11 years of age, of Georgetown, Tex.:

"If I owned a magic carpet I would visit every boy and girl in the world and talk and play with them and learn their ways. If I had a magic wand I would make the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans into one big playground so all the boys and girls could play together and know each other better. I can only send a goodwill message through letter or radio. I wish that you will have lots of fun playing your games as the boys and girls of the United States do. We hope that you can visit us in America. May you be well and happy every day. May you not think of American boys and girls as strange but rather as boys and girls just like you, anxious to know you and be your friends. From over the sea we wave our hands and send you a goodwill message."

The junior high school Message was written by Marta Betsy Travis, 13 years of age, of Iron Mountain, Mich.:

"To the boys and girls of all nations, we the boys and girls

of America extend greetings. In spite of the fact that we speak a different language, dress somewhat differently, and differ in ways of doing things, yet at heart we are very much alike. From our social studies in school we are finding that we, the boys and girls of this land, can learn many things from you. We are admiring you in many ways and are trying to understand

you better so that you will like and understand us. The people of each nation have so much to give the people of every other nation. The music, the science, the invention of one country are soon the possessions of all. So today we are sending you this message of goodwill, hoping that nothing in future years will happen to mar our friendship for each other."

Providing Religious Ministry for Conservation Camps

IN CONNECTION with the plan for mobilizing 275,000 workmen in 1,200 Civilian Conservation Camps, the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains, under the chairmanship of Right Rev. James E. Freeman and the secretaryship of Dr. Roy B. Guild, has offered its service in helping to provide a religious ministry.

The Chief of Chaplains, Colonel J. E. Yates, has been in frequent conference with the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains and has sent a letter to some 1,400 Reserve Chaplains in the hope that at least 150 of these men will offer to render the service desired for the six months' period.

The plan provides that one Reserve or Regular Chaplain will be attached to the staff of the commander of each of the nine corps areas of the United States. These corps areas are divided into districts, and each district into groups comprised of ten of the conservation camps. The instruction for the chaplain in charge of each of these camps is as follows:

"A. Give personal religious ministration for such camps in the group as his time will permit.

"B. Maintain contact with all the camps in his group, arrange schedules of religious worship for the three major denominational beliefs — namely, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish — of each camp, as the personnel may warrant, and act in an advisory capacity in such matters to

his district commander.

"C. Fill these religious schedules by the services of volunteer civilian agencies supplied either from churches in the vicinity of his group of camps or from more distant agencies when transportation can be arranged."

In addition to the service that will be rendered by the Reserve Chaplains, it is expected that much volunteer service will be rendered by the ministers who may be situated near these camps, as was done during the war. Provision for this service has been authorized by the Secretary of War. Since no appropriation is available for this purpose these will serve without remuneration, except that transportation to and from camp and board and lodging while at camps will be provided. All profers of gratuitous service should be made either to corps area headquarters of the area in which the volunteers are located or to district chaplains. Information concerning the location of these camps in each state and the officers in charge can be secured by writing to the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains, Woodward Building, Washington, D. C.

In view of the fact that many of these camps will be remote from any communities, Dr. William R. King, General Secretary of the Home Missions Council, will coöperate in securing such help from the home missionary executives throughout the country as can be given in the camps that are remote from towns and cities.

For Christian Family Life

"SIX TESTS OF MARRIAGE" is the title of an exquisite booklet just published by Dr. L. Foster Wood, Secretary of the Federal Council's Committee on Marriage and the Home. Combining spiritual insight with sound good sense and a thorough knowledge of the practical problems involved, the author presents in thirty-two pages a series of popular essays which will be of unique value to ministers and others interested in helping people to attain the highest possibilities of marriage.

Each of six short chapters is followed by an original poem, written in the form of Beatitudes and couched in language reminiscent of the Psalms. Here is an illustration of the quality of these poems:

Happy is the family
That is bound together by inner ties
Stronger than all marriage laws.

And happy is the family

Whose members would still prefer one another
If all marriage laws were relaxed.

When they are apart they still remember

The ties that bind their hearts together.

And when they are alone

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Music and Architecture Studied as Aids to Worship

"We need a renewal of the Old Testament emphasis upon the divine transcendence. The present catastrophe has humbled us and shown us that man is not the measure of all things," declared Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins, of the General Theological Seminary, at the meeting of the Federal Council's Committee on Worship held on April 21.

Dr. John Finley Williamson, Director of the Westminster Choir School, held that we should encourage the development of denominational schools of church music, which should be held in the same high regard as our theological seminaries. He also stressed the importance of junior choirs, urging one in every church.

Prof. Luther D. Reed, who holds the Chair of Liturgics in the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, insisted that church architecture must be kept within the control of the churches, and not allowed to pass into the hands of merely professional architects, the peril being in the mechanical and material as opposed to the worshipful. Dr. Elbert M. Conover, Director of the Bureau of Architecture of the Methodist Episcopal Church, proposed that the Committee on Worship should become an authority for the Church as to what are the essentials in a house of worship, declaring that the architects would then be able to produce what was required in a sanctuary of worship. It was decided to appoint a sub-committee on the Relationship of Architecture and Worship.

Prof. Edward Strong Worcester, of New Brunswick Theological Seminary, pointed out that nearly all of the work in worship in the theological seminaries is elective; the Committee felt that it should be required, because every minister *must* conduct services of worship. A sub-committee is studying the subject of training theological students in the practice of worship under the chairmanship of Dr. Weigle, of Yale Divinity School.

Federal Council at Chicago Fair

The exhibit of the Federal Council of Churches at the World's Fair is the greatly acclaimed new painting, "The Nazarene," by Henry Stanley Todd. It will hang in the Hall of Religion as a vivid symbol of the fact that it is the personality of Christ that is the center of unity among the churches that make up the Council.

All visitors to the Century of Progress in Chicago during the summer will be interested in the Hall of Religion that has been erected by the Committee on Progress through Religion and which is to house the exhibits of many important church agencies. One wing of the hall will be devoted to an interdenominational exhibit made possible through the coöperation of several denominations, in which the Methodists, the Presbyterians and the Congregationalists have taken the lead. Exhibits will be provided of the work along various

lines of service of the coöperating denominations, including home missions, foreign missions and religious education. The Hall of Religion is under the direction of Dr. Hugh S. Magill, General Secretary of the International Council of Religious Education.

A Timely Appeal to Councils of Churches

State and local Councils of Churches are subject to the influence of those conditions which necessitate a new evaluation of the programs of all religious organizations. Decreased income and curtailed budgets cause a more thoughtful appraisal of all activities than we have had since the movement began.

Our greatest danger is that the need for economy will cause wild and indiscriminate slashing. Our next greatest danger is that leadership will become discouraged and lose its morale.

The annual meeting of the Association of Executive Secretaries of State and Local Councils of Churches, to be held in Chicago, June 19, 20, 21, is therefore of more than usual importance and significance. Here will be painstaking consideration of the general trends from all parts of the country, a pooling of experience in meeting unprecedented situations, and the fine fellowship which always characterizes these gatherings.

While feeling keenly their need of this meeting, there is a natural hesitancy on the part of the secretaries to incur the expense involved. I wish to appeal to the officers of all state and local councils of churches to make provision for their secretaries to attend this important conference, and to insist that they do so. It will probably be the wisest and most fruitful expenditure made for the coming year.

Irvin E. Deer, President,
Association of Executive Secretaries.

Conference at York

At the invitation of the Archbishop of York, a group of ten representatives of the Christian forces of various countries, all of whom are interested in one or more of the world Christian organizations, met at his home in York, England, on May 3 and 4, to consider the possibility of securing a fuller coöperation.

The persons who were present were connected with one or more of the following movements: Life and Work, Faith and Order, the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, the International Missionary Council and the World Student Christian Federation.

Those present from the United States were Professor William Adams Brown and Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert.

The meeting, which was entirely unofficial, was for the purpose of affording an unhurried opportunity to consider ways of bringing about a larger measure of working unity among the several organizations.

Churches Urged to Act on Scottsboro Case

The Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches, at its May meeting, adopted a statement recommended by the Department of Race Relations, declaring that "the issues involved in the Scottsboro case are neither local nor sectional," but that "the treatment of Negro citizens almost everywhere in America brings all of us to shame."

The full statement of the Federal Council's Executive Committee was as follows:

"We have viewed with growing concern the developments attendant upon the Scottsboro case recently brought again to public attention. Interracial understanding and goodwill have been further jeopardized, and hatred and misunderstanding have been increased. This situation is so crucial that the churches should express their convictions in no uncertain terms. The confidence of all in the soundness of our institutions is shaken when suspicion is raised that justice cannot be secured because of creed, race or color.

"The issues involved in the Scottsboro case are neither local nor sectional. The whole nation is concerned. Race prejudice is not limited to any section or state. The treatment of Negro citizens almost everywhere in America brings all of us to shame.

"In view of Christianity's basic recognition of the sacredness of human personality and the spirit of the teachings of Jesus Christ affecting human relations, we urge our churches and church leaders everywhere to voice their convictions that justice for all, irrespective of creed, race or color, should be assured in America."

Rhode Island Conference on Industry

The Interdenominational Conference on Industry of Rhode Island conducted a significant conference in Providence on May 1. The program included a survey of "Industry Today" by James Myers, Industrial Secretary of the Federal Council, and an address on the responsibility of the Church by Rabbi Israel Goldstein. The employer's point of view was represented by Edmund C. Mayo, President of the Gorham Manufacturing Company; the viewpoint of the public by Senator Sherwood; that of the economist, by Professor George E. Bigge of Brown University; that of labor by Miss Elizabeth Nord, silk weaver and official of the National Women's Trade Union League. Spencer Miller, Consultant in Industrial Relations to the Social Service Department of the Protestant Episcopal Church, spoke at the dinner on "A Christian in Industry."

The conclusions reached by the Conference included approval of the 30-hour week and minimum wage, stricter regulation of employment of women and children, reorganization of the factory inspection system of Rhode Island, unemployment insurance, old-age pensions, the organization of a "Labor Stand-

ards Committee," and of a committee in each local church on social relations.

Tenth Anniversary of Religious Broadcasting

On the evening of May 23, the tenth anniversary of the broadcasting of the first religious program from a studio of the National Broadcasting Company, was celebrated by a dinner in New York, attended by officials of the National Broadcasting Company, radio preachers and members of the committees which support the programs of religious radio. The spirit of the evening was expressed by Dr. Charles L. Goodell, when he applied to the modern "miracle of radio" the words which Samuel F. B. Morse sent over the first telegraph, "What hath God wrought!"

The toastmaster of the evening was Dr. John W. Langdale, Chairman of the Joint Radio Commission, representing the Federal Council, the Greater New York Federation of Churches and the state and city federations of churches from coast to coast. The following radio preachers made brief addresses, in many cases telling concrete incidents of individuals who were quite out of touch with the churches, but who had been won back to active Christian faith and life as a result of radio messages: Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Dr. Paul E. Scherer, Dr. Charles L. Goodell, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Dr. Stanley High, Dr. Frederick K. Stamm, Dr. J. Stanley Durkee and Dr. S. Parkes Cadman.

The final speaker was Merlin H. Aylesworth, President of the National Broadcasting Company, who expressed his satisfaction in having been able to provide facilities for a nation-wide religious ministry reaching so many millions of people. The program of the evening concluded with a toast to Frank C. Goodman, Executive Secretary of the Department of Religious Radio, whose ten years of service have built up the present radio ministry, in which 89 different stations affiliated with the National Broadcasting Company participated last year.

Labor Sunday Message

Copies of the Message for Labor Sunday (September 3) are already available for ministers, council secretaries, and editors. They can be secured, with detailed suggestions for Labor Sunday observance, from the Federal Council's Department of the Church and Social Service, 105 East 22nd Street, New York. The price of the Message is 4 cents per single copy; \$1.00 per 100 copies.

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News of Advance on the Coöperative Front

Washington Has Encouraging Year

At the annual meeting of the Washington Federation of Churches, on April 25, at the Calvary Baptist Church, nearly 350 delegates from 72 churches of 18 denominations sat down to dinner. The constitution was changed so as to enable the Federation to reelect Colonel W. O. Tufts as president. Under his leadership the last year was one of the best in the history of the Federation, in spite of the year's being the worst one economically. Dr. William L. Darby, Executive Secretary, and Mrs. H. Wellen Fisher, President of the Women's Council, whose work is so closely integrated with the Federation, made encouraging reports. Following the business meeting an address was given by Dr. George A. Buttrick, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, on "Marks of a Vital Church."

Dr. Darby's review of the past year called attention to the following activities: maintenance of a Protestant worker at the Juvenile Court; maintenance of an interdenominational visitor to the city hospitals; a service bureau for unemployed; a daily radio devotional service; Lenten Services for seven Wednesdays, 56 local clergymen participating; presentation of three religious dramas; conferences on Evangelism and on Conservation of the Home; meetings on international and interracial coöperation; assistance in planning twenty Church Vacation Schools, including one for children in the Bonus Camps.

Illinois Proposes Combining Organization

At a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Illinois Council of Churches, held on April 18, plans were furthered for the merger of the Illinois Council of Churches and the Illinois Council of Religious Education. Unanimous approval was given to a plan for merging the two organizations. As the initial steps the plan recommends that the two councils use the same headquarters; that Dr. Pugh, the Executive Secretary of the Council of Churches serve as the Acting Secretary of the Council of Religious Education; that a joint Board of Control, made up of eleven members from each organization, shall give general direction to the activities and endeavor to correlate the programs of the two councils at every possible point; that a "State Director of Religious Education" be appointed, to be "chosen by the Board of Control with the advice of representatives of the International Council of Religious Education" as soon as financially possible; and that a "comprehensive basis of merger" be developed, which, it is hoped, may be completed by January 1, 1934, the organization of the two councils meanwhile being kept intact.

Buffalo Celebrates Twentieth Anniversary

The twentieth anniversary of the Buffalo Council of Churches, and the tenth anniversary of the presidency of Edwards D. Emerson, were celebrated in Buffalo at the end of May. The significance of the Council is interpreted as follows in a new publication:

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Philadelphia Begins Twenty-fifth Year

The Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Federation of Churches on April 27th was followed by a dinner given by the Missionary Committee to Dr. E. Stanley Jones and Dr. Sam Higginbottom, with 564 men in attendance. The report of Dr. E. A. E. Palmquist, Executive Secretary, showed the following activities, among many others: a daily broadcast for shut-ins; a voluntary chaplaincy in the wards of the hospitals of the city; daily services downtown during Lent; a Sunday School at Camp Happy, during the summer, reaching over 1,000 children; furnishing chaplains for the Boy Scout Camp at Treasure Island; a united observance of Good Friday; promotion of many projects for world peace and interracial coöperation; support of a bill to control salacious magazines and opposition to a racetrack gambling bill.

Next year the Federation celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Baltimore Faces Task Resolutely

When Baltimore, Md., welcomed Dr. Ross W. Sanderson in October, 1932, as Executive Secretary of the City Federation of Churches, the City Council of Religious Education and the Maryland-Delaware Council of Religious Education,—three organizations with a joint budget,—the indebtedness was \$7,000. Dr. Sanderson and the officers decided that the budget must be balanced by the end of twelve months. On April 24, about 175 men and women, members of 80 churches and 19 denominations, responded to a call to receive a report for the past six months.

By means of graphs the secretary showed that the deficit would be \$3,000 instead of \$7,000 on May 1. In the same way he showed how costly this reduction had been in loss of staff. Instead of eleven workers in the many fields and many activities there will be five after June 30. To retain eight it will be necessary to raise an additional sum of \$1,905. There was a unanimous and prayerful agreement to carry on and to get the money needed.

Boston Leads in Race Relations

Under the auspices of the Boston Federation of Churches, an all-day interracial conference was recently held to discuss "The Economic Situation and the Boston Negro." Discussion centered around such subjects as social justice for the Negro, conditions of housing, health, the proper use of leisure time, racial discrimination in employment, public relief funds, church membership. Participants included Julian D. Steele, director, Robert Gould Shaw House; Dr. J. E. A. McCurdy; Miss Helen Morton; John Ihlder; also Dr. George E. Haynes, of the Federal Council's Department of Race Relations, who advocated knowledge of facts and action according to these facts taking the place of force as a way to solve problems.

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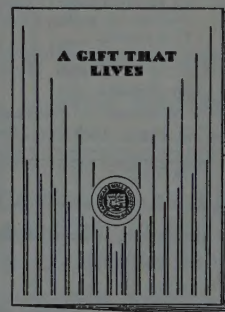
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